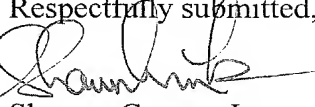


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough and detailed examination of the present application as evidenced by the final Office Action dated April 17, 2007 (hereinafter, "the Final Action"). Claims 12, 13, 19-21, 26, 32-35, 48 and 52 are pending in the present application upon entry of the present Amendment. Claims 12, 13, 26, 32-35 and 48 are indicated as being allowed. Claims 20, 21 and 52 stand rejected, and the Final Action objects to Claim 19. *See* Final Action, page 2.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Declaration of Christopher K. Ober, Ph.D. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 and *In re Katz*¹ in order to overcome the rejection of Claims 20 and 21. Applicants have cancelled Claim 52. Additionally, Applicants have amended Claim 19 to delete "CH₃" as shown above formula c as suggested by the Examiner on page 2 of the Final Action, and Applicants have redrawn all structures presented in the claims for improved clarity. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

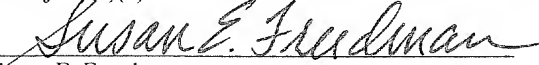
The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned in order to advance prosecution of the pending claims to issue. In any event, any questions that the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

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¹ 687 F.2d 450, 215 U.S.P.Q. 14 (C.C.P.A. 1982).